

McClellan Asks for Punitive Legislation to End Gangland Law

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—There is convincing evidence of the existence of a gangland government in the United States — "a government beyond the law, dispensing life and death according to its own law."

These words were spoken by Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., after his Senate crime investigating subcommittee heard underworld informer Joseph Valachi spill some of the secrets of the Cosa Nostra syndicate.

The senator and his colleagues declared the time has come to put racketeering syndi-

cates such as Cosa Nostra or the "Mafia" on some form of American law.

McClellan said he would like to see billions of dollars a year poured into the federal treasury to fight the crime of racketeering. He said he would like to see a law that would make it a crime to be a racketeer. He said he would like to see a law that would make it a crime to be a racketeer.

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—In Washington State, principals in the interstate transportation of illegal goods had a yearly income of \$16.5 million.

During the recent Senate crime hearings, Detroit Police Commissioner George C. Edwards said the Mafia takes in a minimum of \$150 million a year in his area.

But these figures tell only part of the story, the FBI spokesman said.

"When you realize how much the public is paying to prevent crime," he said, "you see an opportunity in the way the book is written."

According to bureau records, he said, "the public contributes \$22 billion in taxes each year to fight crime of all kinds."

"Considering this," he said, "we see that a portion of the population is helping feed it with

one hand while paying to have it wiped out with the other."

"A very strange philosophy," Forthofer said, "the bureau has broken down this \$22 billion very thoroughly. The price is \$106 a year for every person in the United States."

"That is 66¢ per average family. For every dollar we spend on education, \$1.11 goes to the campaign against crime. And for every dollar donated to our churches, 96 goes to crime."

The attorney general said at the opening of the McClellan hearings that "the financial cost

of organized crime is not limited to the vast illicit profits of gambling."

He said "when racketeers bore their way into legitimate business the cost is born by the public."

In the case of Detroit, police commissioner Edwards said the Mafia takes in about \$60 million in legitimate operations through its infiltration of nearly 500 honest businesses.

Kennedy said infiltration into labor unions extracts money from the wages of the workers. In this field, he added, the jus-

ice department lost vast millions of the Tax-Martyr, Hebble, or Labor - Management respect of 70 persons for alleged racketeering acts.

McClellan said he was shocked for the average American or workman to see what burden he or she bears when they place a 36-cent bet with the neighborhood numbers writer. It's just a fling, a small chance, the way they see it, he said.

But it is what happens to those times and quarters when multiplied a million-fold that

cause. The danger is that, Kennedy said, by the legal violation of laws immunity for the racketeer, thus robbing the public of its right of protection under the law.

Also, he said, it goes to subsidize other avenues of vice operated by the racketeer. He said it subsidizes the prostitution racket, the narcotics racket, and perhaps is used even to bribe a college athlete.

Kennedy told the McClellan group the best defense against organized crime is an "enlightened public."

Fire Department, Salvation Army Announced Plans

While observance of autumn holidays holds the attention of most citizens this week, the Salvation Army and the Medford Fire Department have already started planning for Christmas.

Meetings have been set up with the American Red Cross and the Jackson County Welfare Department to discuss various plans and to assign various phases of the work designed to make sure that no child will be forgotten at Christmas.

The Medford Fire Department started work Monday, receiving and repairing toys. Medford and vicinity residents are asked to cooperate in the collection.

This is the 32nd year that the Medford Fire Department has handled this project. The deadline for receiving toys has been set as Dec. 16. Toys should be left at the main fire station at Third and Front Sts. in Medford, spokesmen announced.

All types of toys will be accepted, dolls, tricycles, bicycles, wagons, scooters, complete puzzles, games and small miscellaneous toys. Gifts such as old portable radios and costume jewelry are needed for the older age groups, the firemen said. All are repaired and painted by the firemen.

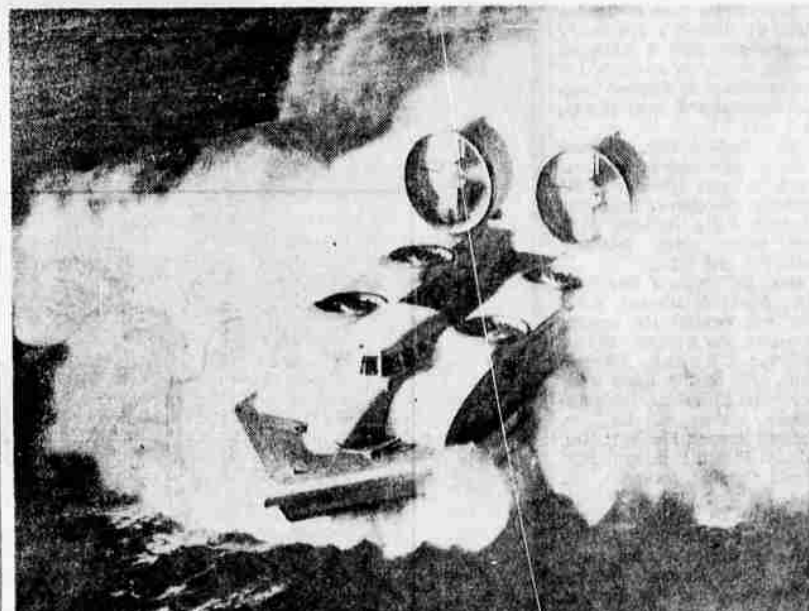
Many volunteers will be needed to dress the hundreds of dolls that come through this channel, the Salvation Army stated. Women of the Home Leagues started this work several weeks ago.

The Elks Club has again accepted the responsibility of packing and delivering the food baskets distributed at Christmas. Food drives will be launched to fill the baskets.

The Salvation Army also will direct the packaging of gifts for the various rest homes, hospitals and White City Domiciliary. Volunteers will be welcomed in carrying out the work of this project, Salvation Army headquarters stated.



VALACHI TESTIFIES—Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., back to camera, cups his ear to listen to testimony of convict-informer, Joseph Valachi, at right, before the Senate investigations committee. (UPI)



DRAMATIC SPRAY — The SKMR-1 hydro-skimmer kicks up a dramatic spray as it skims over the water during initial tests Tuesday near Buffalo, N. Y. The 2 1/2-ton craft can skim approximately one and one-half feet above water at better than 40 knots. Thrust to move forward is provided by twin 10-foot propellers mounted on the after deck. The Navy is currently testing the hydro-skimmer on Lake Erie. (UPI)

Probe Continued In Beating Charge

SALEM (UPI)— Investigation of the death of an Oregon State Hospital patient was continued Wednesday when an inquest jury was told the patient may have been beaten.

Marion County Dist. Atty. Hatlie Kremena said the jury will be reconvened after additional investigation.

Melvin Anderson, 62, hospitalized for nearly a year, was found dead in his bed Saturday morning.

Dr. Russell C. Henry, state medical investigator, told the jury he believes blows were struck. Dr. W. L. Ludbeck, pathologist for state institutions, attributed death to asphyxiation caused by a blood clot in Anderson's windpipe.

The jury was told that Anderson had bruises around his right eye and neck and shoulder.

Firm to Transfer Control to Leaders

PORTLAND (UPI)— White Stag Manufacturing Co. has announced control of the firm will be transferred from two families to members of its management.

The announcement said the Maurice Oppenheimer family of San Francisco will sell "virtually all" of its common stock and that the Harold Hirsch family of Portland will sell "a substantial portion" of its holdings.

No price was announced.

Among top executives purchasing shares are Lawrence L. Rennett, Harold Dolgenow and Howard Minch. Rennett was elected president and chief operating officer. Harold S. Hirsch was named board chairman.

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